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Two weeks ago the Argus printed the comment of the Rural Spirit which declared Ontarians "finicky" because the butchers here would not buy tubercular infected cattle. That the statement of the Rural Spirit is a rank injustice to the people of the city is true, but it is more a tribute to the meat dealers to whom, therefore, the people owe a profound vote of thanks.

Personally we believe that everyone who has taken time to consider the question of meat, will agree with us, that any man who sells tubercular meat is as guilty of deliberate murder as he who shoots a man in cold blood. We believe the purveyor of such food is the worst criminal of the two.

The only protection against the sale of tubercular cattle over the counters in small cities and towns is the honesty of the dealers. In proportion to their vigilance and integrity is the health of the people protected.

In the large cities conditions are different. The big packing plants can maintain the cost of government inspection; while forced inspection in the smaller towns would put the little packers out of business.

The regulations concerning the slaughter of tubercular animals prescribes we understand, that when a beef is found to have one or even two lesions, the portions about them are cut out and the remainder is passed for sale. Where more than two lesions are found the entire beef is condemned.

Without government inspection to sustain him, the small packer cannot afford, or should not at least, take chances on infected herds. The loss of a few animals from one purchase is more than he can bear, and the ranchers should realize this and not condemn the meat man for his refusal to buy their stock.

While undoubtedly this might result in a loss to the dairy rancher whose herd has been condemned is not that more equitable than to have the entire loss fall upon the dealer or to pass the tainted meat on to the consumer?

The loss to the rancher can be materially reduced by making shipment to a packing plant where government inspectors pass upon the meat. The fact that such meat to be transported from Malheur county must go into Idaho increases the difficulty in this section, it is true, for the inter-state commerce laws prevent such shipment on interstate carriers. Yet that condition does not justify a rancher in believing that Ontario dealers are doing him an injustice in not purchasing his condemned animals.

It is almost beyond dispute that tuberculosis is one of mankind's most deadly enemies. The annual toll of life and suffering which entails it is appalling. And yet scientists declare that it can be eradicated when people awaken to the means within their power.

Human life today is too precious to be laid upon the altar of ignorance. In every community there should be an agency for the combat of the White Plague. When meat dealers and milk men use their efforts to eradicate tubercular meat and tubercular milk a long step will be taken, and the Argus believes that the people of Ontario should be thankful for the position the meat men have assumed. If every community were so fortunate ranchers would cease to dispose of their tubercular stock. They would find too that it would pay them to take preventative methods for their protection of their animals, and thus lessen the danger in its inception.

INDICTING THE KAISER

With each passing week the terrible crimes committed by the Kaiser and his allies are being brought home to the American people. The aggregate of the atrocities perpetrated by the arch fiend of Berlin staggers human conception. History furnishes no adequate comparison.

The message which Dr. M. G. Papazian brot of the massacres of the innocent Armenians curdles the blood with its horrors. Pity for the victims of the remorseless savage who has hypnotized the German people is only equaled by the rage one has for him. If peace when it shall be declared contains a provision for his longer existence on this earth, or leaves in power any of his dastardly tribe, a crime against mankind will have been committed.

No German apologist will ever be able to dispell the belief which Americans, with all other allied and even neutral nations, have in the complicity of Germany in the terrible treatment of the Armenians. As Dr. Papazian, the learned and eloquent lecturer who spoke here Sunday and who will again tell the story of Armenia Friday evening, declared "The Sultan of Turkey was the instrument, but the arm that wielded the sword was the German Kaiser."

As Dr. Papazian drew the parallel between the system used in Armenia and that used in Belgium showing distinctly how the same methods were used in the one country as in the other there can be no dispute that the crimes in each country were perpetrated by the same author.

The more one considers the terrible deeds written into history by the Huns, in Belgium and in Armenia, the more determined must become the purpose to aid in every effort to carry on the fight for the utter destruction of Prussian militarism. There can be no peace with such a power still in existence. The Kaiser and his arch fiends must be wiped off the face of the earth.

ABOLISH GERMAN TEACHING

Since the revelations of the Senate Committee investigating the activities of the German American Alliance in this country there is no longer any excuse for any school board or any school authority continuing instruction in the German language in any American school.

Especially is this true in any of the primary or secondary. The teaching of German in the schools of higher learning is perhaps in another category and might be given for scientific students who are following special courses.

So far as German is concerned in the general scheme of education in America it should become a dead language, in a class with Sanskrit, the Vulgate and the cuneiforms of Babylonian temples.

By this means can America aid in the war, after the war, on the Prussian vandals. Such a course will defeat for all time the scheme proposed by the National German American Alliance, to make German the common tongue of the American people.

It will cut them, too, where they will feel it most. It will aid in that after-the-war battle for commercial supremacy. It will make impossible of realization their plan to Germanize the world with their leathed kultur.

To this end the next session of the legislature should so amend the present state laws which permit of no elasticity to the courses in high schools save those in first class districts, for under the present law local districts are not authorized to eliminate German. That many have done so without scanton of the state department is a tribute to the good sense of the teachers and pupils and not to the present Oregon laws.

BIDDING THE SOLDIERS GOODBY

Altho there has been no formal organization to arrange for a proper "send-off" for the Malheur county boys as they leave for the training camps, they have not been overlooked. A few thoughtful men and women on each occasion have gotten together in time to let the boys know that those who stay at home are thinking of them.

However it is time that some formal organization take the matter in hand. In Weiser and some of the other Idaho cities the local Red Cross chapter has organized a canteen committee. This committee not only bids its own soldier boys goodby, but also has magazines, cigarettes and other things that men like at the trains for the boys passing thru from other towns and states.

Something of this sort might well be done here. We will continually, for a time at least, have men leaving for training camps, and some organization should take upon itself the duty of seeing that no partiality is shown; that each leave with the memories of a fitting farewell.

HEARST AND LAFOLLETTE

There are two men in American public life whose present position in high places is a disgrace and an affront to every loyal American. They are Senator Robert La Follette and William Randolph Hearst, publisher of a dozen magazines and a string of papers from New York to San Francisco.

Never since the war against Germany has LaFollette upheld the cause of the United States and its Allies. He has been a disgrace to his state, and his opposition to the declaration of war savored of deep disloyalty. In spite of this he is still a member of the nation's legislative body.

Mr. Hearst's position is inconsistent. Some of his publications have steadily maintained a patriotic attitude and have aided in every war work; this is true of his magazines; while his newspapers have been consistently anti-ally, and pro-German to a marked degree.

They did not cease their pro-German activity after April 6, 1917, when America declared war, but have given aid and comfort to the enemy at every turn. They have sought to embroil the United States in a war first with Mexico and again with Japan. They have been so pro-German that they have been denied the use of the British and Canadian mails. They have been so rank that piles of the publications have been burned in the streets and in the East, yet they are still circulated in the mails.

A time has come when the government should put a stop to such treason in high places. How can the people in outlying districts handle seditious persons when such men are left Scot free? The authorities who can exercise the powers of depriving Socialistic publications the use of the mails should set an example of William Randolph Hearst, and the Senate should expell Bob LaFollette since he has not the decency to resign.

NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY.

Somehow the impression has gone abroad over the land that the purchase of War Savings Stamps was the prerogative of the children, that men and women should devote their attention to Liberty Bonds. This is not true.

As a matter of fact the issue of War Savings Stamps which the authorities desire purchased is equal to the first Liberty Loan and that means that it is a job for men and women as well as for the children. Malheur county is called upon to buy more than \$200,000 worth of bonds this year. If the county is to make good its quota there is a place on the War Savings rolls for every inhabitant. Get your name on the list for all you can save.

The proper place for the profiteer is in jail.

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BUYING YOUR HOME
YOUR FIRST BABY
BUYING YOUR AUTOMOBILE

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